

Wednesday, January 1, 1862

Colder than usual for this winter, but not near as cold as last winter. Posting the books. Not very much business today. Very poor sleighing.

Thursday 2

Still cold. Evening cloudy and wind from East. A little more business than yesterday. Did not get any war news yet. Expect to have a battle soon.

Friday 3

It commenced snowing and blowing early in the morning. Stormed nearly all day. In town alone, business as usual. Not very cold.

Saturday 4

A pleasant day, not thawing much. Considerable business today. Signed the first Certificate of Deposit. Have to milk now. Sleighing tolerable.

Sunday 5

At home. Snowing a little. Abe Rober was here. Very little fighting now but everybody has been expecting a great fight soon. Evening snowing fast.

Monday 6

Still snowing. Business as usual. It is probably the plan of Gen. McClellan to wait until the rebels become discontented and as a consequence disorganised before fighting.

Tuesday 7

A very cold morning. Sleighing is very good. Thermometer eleven degrees below zero. Thawing a little in the afternoon on the south side of the houses.

Wednesday 8

It snowed and sleeted some last night. The roads are very slippery and good sledding. Thawing considerable. In bank alone, not much business. Journalizing cash book.

Thursday 9

A pleasant day. Considerable business. At spelling school in the evening, too many there to keep good order. Not cold and very good sleighing. Most forgotten how to spell.

Friday 10

A very cold day. The wind has got round to the Northwest. I am reading the history of England by Macaulay whenever get a chance. Churning this evening.

Saturday 11

Snowing a little in the morning, not very much. Secretary's plan of National finance is now before the people. He proposes that the people by bonds of

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the United States and deposit them with the Treasury as

security for a currency which then he will give to them to the of the bonds. The expedition down the river has started. At home all day. Not cold.

Monday, January 13, 1862

The coldest morning this winter. Thermometer 22 degrees below zero. In bank alone. Pa is not well. Business as usual. Gold is five percent in Chicago since the banks have suspended specie paper.

Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15

Not quite so cold, 11 degrees below zero. Pa is some better. In town alone. Not much business. Financial matters are very unsettled. Congress proposes to pass an act making Treasury notes a legal tender. If this is done the banks will redeem their notes and times will get better. Something must be done soon. It snowed about 3 in. last night which makes the sleighing good.

Thursday 16

A pretty cold day. The roads are drifted shut, the snow being very light. Not very much business today, it is very hard collecting.

Friday 17

It snowed again last night. Business as usual. Sarah's birthday. Pretty cold all day. Winter has now set in in earnest but late.

Saturday 18

Snowed again last night about 2 in. In town, business as usual. Thawing a little. Broke the old rocking chair, getting too heavy. Not much change in

Sunday 19

Over at the new house. The cattle have eaten nearly all the straw. At home alone in P. M. wind from the east. Will have snow or rain.

Monday 20

It snowed last night very fast from the east. The snow is very deep this morning, over a foot, bad going untill it is tramped. Not very much business.

Tuesday 21

In town alone, not very much business. Thawing on the roofs a little. The snow is very deep out of the roads which are good. It is full as deep as last year.

Wednesday 22

Business as usual. The sleighing is splendid. By some good luck or miracle got a girl. Did not have to milk. Was at spelling last night.

Thursday 23

Not much business. Bought a fine silk handkerchief at the auction in the old drug store for 10¢. Thawing a little. Our army gained a victory the rebels in Virginia.

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Friday, January 24, 1862

Zolicooffer the rebel general was killed. Not much business. There is very little business in money matters any place. Everyone is waiting to for the Government to act in regard to money matters.

Saturday 26

Considerable business this afternoon. Pretty cold and a little windy. Evening brought mother home from Emmerts. Pretty cold night. Finished history England.

Sunday 27

At home all day. A little colder than usual. No forward movement yet. It is probably postponed on account of the mud in the southern states

Monday 27

which is very deep at present on account of the frequent rains. Snowing very fast and drifting the roads are almost impassible. Aode Lize in.

Tuesday 28

Raining and drizzling nearly all day. The snow is very deep and soaked with water. The roads are consequently very bad.

Wednesday 29

Froze up hard enough last night. Wind very cold from the northeast. No business today. Money matters are getting better. Gold down to 2½ percent at Chicago.

Thursday 30

Business as usual. The sleighing is very good but it is very hard turning out. H. R. & Co. bought 100 in gold with Treasury notes at one percent.

Friday 31

In bank alone, considerable business today. They are butchering at home, killed sixteen hogs, intend to sell half of them. Evening helping to make sausage. Snowed.

Saturday, February 1, 1862

At the funeral of Thomas Emmert, it was very large. Posting and balancing the books. A very cold day out of doors but pleasant. Walked home then back again hunting Pa for key.

Sunday 2

At home all day. Took a walk down the creek, it is very bad walking at someplaces the snow bears up and at others breaks in. Not very cold.

Monday 3

Made our balance sheet for January. Business as usual, Not very cold. Have commenced feeding the cattle hay. Aunt Susan was here.

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Tuesday, February 4, 1862

A pleasant day. More business than usual. Not much change in money matters yet. Congress has not passed any bill yet in regard to Treasury Notes.

Wednesday 5

Not so cold as yesterday. Not so much business. Notifying some of the delinquents. We find it very hard collecting now. Everybody is waiting for better prices.

Thursday 6

Thawing a little on the south roofs, but blowing and drifting on the prairie. Not very much business. Currency is getting plenty. Gold is 3 to 4%.

Friday 7

Not very much business. Had a dispatch that Fort Henry on the Tennessee with 100 privates, two generals and all their munitions of war.

Saturday 8

Walked into town, not cold. Very busy in the afternoon. A good many of men in the office. Rode home in the sleigh, colder than in the morning. The taking of Fort Henry confirmed.

Sunday 9

Not very warm. Over at Uncle Georges. From there went with Uncle Billy and George over to the new house. Nobody working there now. One pair of steps up.

Monday 10

Busy nearly all day. Sleighing is splendid. At spelling school at one school house. Had very good school. Evening snowing very fast, have more snow on the ground, now than there was last year.

Tuesday 11

Have had no thaw yet since the deep snow fell. Drifting bad, the roads are spoiled for a time. Not much business. Bought \$300 gold at 2% for currency. Mail did not come.

Wednesday 12

Warm and pleasant. Getting pretty soft. Evening at the lead mine meeting. They adopted a constitution and elected directors. At Uncle Georges they are all well. Snowing a little.

Thursday 13

Morning getting colder. Later very cold, sharp wind from the north west. Drifting. Report of a great victory at Roanoke Island. The gunboats are doing very good service up the Tennessee R.

Friday 14

A very cold night was last night. Got up about 2 o'clock and made the fires. Very cold and a sharp wind blowing all day. Not very much business today. Drifting.

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Saturday, February 15, 1862

Business as usual. Not a very cold day. Sleighing is still pretty good. The treasury note bill has passed the house and senate. Gold is still 3 5%.

Sunday 16

At home all day. Morning chopping the creek open for the cattle to drink. It is not frozen up near as bad as last year. Read a sermon in evening.

Monday 17

Not very much business. Gold has gone out of circulation and currency takes its place. It is bought and sold like an article of traffic. The currency is mostly U. S. T. notes.

Tuesday 18

Business as usual. Thawing a little. Good news from the war. Fort Donelson taken with 15,000 prisoners. It was a terrible bloody fight. Bowling green evacuated.

Wednesday 19

Flowing and drifting very much. Snowing all forenoon. Not much business. Quite excited about the R. R., afraid it will go past.

Thursday 20

Very little business today. Snowed about four inches last night. A very pleasant day. Thawing some. Journalizing and posting. Gold has come down in N. Y. to 2 1/2

Friday 21

Not very much business. Thawing a little. Played a game of checkers with Sam Gross. The Treasury note bill has not yet passed.

Saturday 22

Busy all day. A great many people in town today. Thawing and getting pretty soft. Brought the home from the mill. Not very well, evening.

Sunday 23

At home all day. A pleasant day and thawing some. Reading the battle fields of our fathers in the magazine by V. F. Towsend.

Monday 24

Not very much business today. Thawing considerable in town but drifting on the prairie and not thawing any.

Tuesday 25

Business as usual. Pa sold the seven head of cattle he has been fattening in the barn for \$260. Thawing and warm.

Wednesday 26

Business as usual. Got the money for the cattle, treasury notes. Thawing, the water is running pretty fast down the street and some places on the side walks.

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Thursday, February 27, 1962

In the office alone. Pa out at Lenark. No business. Colder than it was yesterday. It is reported that the Treasury note bill has passes both houses.

Friday 28

Considerable business today. The stockholders of the Mt. Co. Lead M. Co. commenced paying in their first instalment to Pa, the treasurer. They have

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commenced mining. Blew and stormed very much last night and today. Balancing the books. The Lead mine Co. paid in about \$50 today. No news from the war.

Sunday, March 2, 1862

A terrible stormy day. Have a very sore throat. Sometimes the wind blows a perfect hurricane. Then it snows so fast and thick cannot see any distance.

Monday 3 & Tuesday 4

Snowing and blowing all day. No mail today. Attempted to go home by the road, got stuck in the snowbanks, had to unhitch and turn around. Snow blowing so fast all the time, could hardly see. Not much business today. No stage nor cars have go through yet. Go through the fields.

Wednesday 5

Not very much business in town today. It has drifted the roads so that nobody can get around without shoveling their way.

Thursday 6

Not much business. No mail came since Saturday. The railroad is completely blocked up. Mt. Carroll is completely blockaded.

Friday 7 & Saturday 8

A pleasant day. Had a hard time getting to town. Hurley stopped us in his lane and siad must turn around and go through the lane which is clear full of snow and impassible. Not very much business today. The railroad men are running around trying to get subscriptions.

Sunday 9

Rained and thundered last night for the first time this year. Thawing all day. The water is running quite fast in P. K.

Monday 10

Not very much business. Sold a few drafts on Y. Young Scannon Chicago. Thawing, but a pretty cold wind blowing all day from S. W.

Tuesday 11

A little colder, not thawing quite so much today. Not very much business today. Report that Manassas has been evacuated.

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Wednesday 12

Thawing considerable. Business as usual. Manasas is ours, Pierce and Machulloch beaten in Missouri by the Union forces.

Thursday 13

Still thawing a little. Hauling in hay at Uncle Georges in the evening. It is getting a little colder and windy from East.

Friday 14

Raining and freezing, everything is full of ice. It is very slippery. Have six little calves now. Bad weather for stock.

Saturday 15

In town. More business as usual on Saturday. Evening Abe & I to a party at Sue Emmerts. Had a nice time. Sleighing pretty bad

Sunday 16

At home. A pleasant day. Mrs. & Dr. Pratt were here all day. Thawing considerable all day. About the last day for sleighing this year.

Monday 17

Walked in to town. Some business. Mr. Grop bought Follingsworth's farm for \$4200. Getting very muddy. No sleighs going today.

Tuesday 18

A very pleasant morning. The Prairie chickens are hallowing all round. The last of the sleighing. Not very much business.

Wednesday 19

A stormy day. Raining and sleeting nearly all day. Very bad going. Have to go through the snow banks nearly four feet deep.

Thursday 20

Snowed and sleeted three or four inches last night. A little colder but very soft and slushy. Not much business.

Friday 21

Snowed last night. Blowing and drifting very bad. Wind N.E. Walked in to town. Not much business. Thawing some

Saturday 22

Walked in. Busy all day. Thawing and getting very muddy. Rode old Lize home. The fields are getting bare but large snow banks.

Sunday 23

A pleasant day. Thawing considerable. Abram. Roher and family were here today. In the house all day except when out to feed. It is getting very wet and muddy.

Monday 24

A pleasant morning. The sun is shining nice and bright. Walked in to town. Not very much business. Very muddy and wet.

Tuesday 25

Rode in in the little waggon. Very bad going over the snow banks in Burleys' lane. Not much business. Very muddy. Not much war news.

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Wednesday, March 26, 1862

Nothing to write and talk about but mud mud all the time deeper and deeper. Not much business. The lead mine Co. still flourishes stock 20%.

Thursday 27

Not much business today. The Federals have been fighting the rebels for three or four days at Island No. ten on the Mississippi.

Friday 28

Still very muddy but getting dry in some places. Still pretty large snow banks along the fences. Pretty windy and chilly.

Saturday 29

Not very much business today. Too muddy for the farmers to get to town. The frost is coming out of the ground fast.

Sunday 30

At home all day. Took a walk down the creek. It is pretty high. Stroddle creek has been pretty high for three days.

Monday 31

Business as usual. Still very muddy. Hunting a wolf which I saw carrying off one of the geese in the morning down by the creek. Could not find him.

Tuesday April 1, 1862

Just ten years ago today since we moved on this place. In the morning down at the creek to see if the wolf had eaten some poisoned

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meat which I took down. He had eaten one piece. Guess it did not kill him right away. On to town, not very much business today.

Thursday 3

Walked in. Business as usual, balancing the books etc. The wind is drying up pretty fast, will even be dry enough to sow wheat and plow.

Friday 4

Walked in to town. They are hauling the lumber to make shantys for the railraod. Not very much business.

Saturday 5

Walked in to town. Pretty dry walking. Business dull. A warm and pleasant day.

Sunday 6

Took a walk down the creek. Freezes pretty hard every morning. Froze very hard last night. Evening read a sermon.

Monday 7

Snowed a little last night, sleeting and raining nearly all day. Not very much business. Walked home, got wet through.

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Tuesday April 8, 1862

Walked in to town. Snowing a little. The roads and fields are very wet again and covered with ice and snow. Considerable business.

Wednesday 9

Walked in. Plenty of people want to borrow money now but none pay any in so that it is pretty hard getting along. The roads are drying off a little.

Thursday 10

Walked in to town. Not very much business. First day of examination at Seminary. Commenced to draw a map of Mt. Carroll looking at the records.

Friday 11

Very little doing in the forenoon. Afternoon at examination at Seminary. Took supper with Sand Grof's down town. Evening at Rhetorical exercises at Seminary.

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13

Got a little wet going home, rained nearly all night. Not so very much business. Drying off pretty fast but the roads are very bad. The teams go through our field the hill above the orchard is so very bad. A pleasant day at home. There has been very little or no wheat sown this year.

Monday 14 & Tuesday 15

A pleasant morning. Today was fought one of the bloodiest battles that was ever fought on this continent within my knowledge hear fifteen thousand of our men were killed and twice as many of the rebels at Pittsburg landing.

Wednesday 16

Some of the soldiers that went from here have been killed and some badly wounded. Drying off some.

Thursday 17

Last night rained, took all the fences on both places at home fixing the fences. Yesterday was at the Seminary. Five graduates.

Friday 18

In town, not much business, posting the books. The mail is very irregular owing to the bad roads. Drying off some.

Saturday 19

In town, not much business. Some of the wounded soldiers came home. The roads are drying off some. Shut up the fence at the road.

Sunday 20

At home. Froze last night. A pleasant day. Marking Easter eggs and reading. Like my room up stairs pretty well.

Monday 21

In town alone, not much business. The roads are drying off very fast, will soon be good. They are sowing wheat and oats. Sold bbl. pack to railroad men \$14.00

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Pittsburg Landing

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Tuesday April 22, 1862

In town. Business dull nowadays. The farmers are all putting in their wheat. It is so late already no time to be lost.

Wednesday 23

Walked in as usual. The ground is in tolerable good order for sowing now. Cleaning out the office. Looking for a hat, could not find a suit.

Thursday 24

Walked in, very little business. Very fine weather now for sowing grain. Put some straw on strawberry bed to kill out the blue grass. Bought a hat.

Friday 25

Very little business today. Still very fine weather. Evening sowing the yard. Walked in to an exhibition by Belding. Came off pretty well. No moon light.

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27

More business than all the past week put together. Most every one is nearly done sowing. If the weather stays so fine it will not take long to finish. At meeting at the school house. Raining a little. Will make things grow nicely.

Monday 28

Walked in to town. They have commenced work on the R. R. Considerable business today. Going to have a store in the old drug store.

Tuesday 29

Walked in across the fields. No business, a very dull day. Farmers are all very busy. They have a good many men on R. R. now.

Wednesday 30

Not very much business. Uncle Simon came up from Rock Island A Pleasant day. The grain is about all sowed.

Thursday May 1, 1862

Raining. Had quite a little snow storm. Warner in the afternoon. A good many people in the office but not much business. Bal. Books.

Friday 2

Cloudy and disagreeable. Walked in to town. Mother and Susie went after a girl. Not much business. Pleasant in afternoon.

Saturday 3

A very pleasant morning. Got cloudy and sprinkled a little. Evening pleasant. Not much business for Saturday.

Sunday 4

Over to Uncle Georges with Sim. A very pleasant day. Had a pleasant time. Looking through the new house. Things are beginning to grow.

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Monday April 5, 1862

Some business. Sim. and Ross have been waiting for the stage all day. It does not go until six o'clock. A very fine day.

Tuesday 6

A very pleasant day. They finished planting the apple trees today at the new place. Not much business today. Walked home.

Wednesday 7

Walked in to town. Very little business. Adding up the bills received. Commenced making a map of Carroll County. A very warm day. Walked home as usual.

Thursday 8

Rode in in the little wagon. Very little business. Took down the stove. A very warm day. Yorktown has been evacuated by the rebels McClellan is after them

Friday 9

Walked in to town. Scarcely any business today. The warmest day we have had this spring. The cottonwood trees are out in green leaves.

Saturday 10

Walked in to town. Very little business. Helping them plant corn in the evening. Scoring out with old Lize. Very warm and pleasant weather.

Sunday 11

Took a walk down the creek, everything is growing nicely. The cottonwood groves look very green and nice. We at last have spring in earnest.

Monday 12

Planting corn all day except when it rained too hard which it did in the afternoon about four or five o'clock pretty hard.

Tuesday 13

The ground is too wet to plant corn. In the office. Very little business. Dried off very fast so that they could plant corn in the P. M.

Wednesday 14

Last night when we were all in bed, who came but Sim and Grandmother. In town, not very much business nowadays.

Thursday 15

In the office. Shooting gophers with my new pistol. Like it very much. In swimming for the first time this year. Not very cold.

Friday 16

Walked into town, not much business. Sim went out to the mines. Had a very heavy shower in the afternoon. Evening took a ride.

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Saturday May 17, 1862

Walked in to town alone. More business than usual. Raining pretty heavy in the afternoon. Walked home after the shower.

Sunday 18

A pretty cool day. Cloudy. Took a ride on the colts, Sim and I. Everything looks like summer. The lilacs are out.

Monday 19

Walked in as usual. Considerable business as usual on Monday and Saturday. A very pleasant day.

Tuesday 20

Walked in to town, not very much business today. Everything is growing finely, the strawberries are out in blossom.

Wednesday 21

Raining and very cold. Rode in to town. Very little business. If it clears off, will certainly have frost.

Thursday 22

Walked in to town. Very wet and muddy. Very little business. Quite pleasant and drying off very fast in the afternoon.

Friday 23

Walked in to town as usual. No business. A very fine day. Quite warm and good weather for the corn to grow. Walked home.

Saturday 24

Walked in to town as usual. More business as is common on Monday and Saturday. A very pleasant day.

Sunday 25

Sim and I took a ride out to Lanark on the colts. They went pretty well. A very pleasant day! Shower in afternoon.

Monday 26

Walked in to town a very pleasant day. Not much business. Commenced reviewing my Greek grammar. Very warm and sultry in the evening.

Tuesday 27

Raining got a little wet walking in to town. Damp and cold all day. Very little business. Pretty cold weather for the corn to grow well. Clear in the afternoon.

Wednesday 28

A very pleasant morning, but pretty cold for this time of the year.

Sunday June 1, 1862

At home all day. Pleasant over head but wet and muddy under foot. Writing a letter to Miss Kate Stidle by Mr. Benjamin S. Bowman.

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Monday June 2, 1862 & Tuesday 3

Walked in to town about seven o'clock. Balancing and making out a quarterly statement. Stopped at the Seminary to recite my Greek. They have commenced laying out the new town south of the Seminary grounds. A pleasant day. It sprinkled a little. Wind is blowing pretty strong in P. M.

Wednesday 4

Walked into town pleasant day but a little windy. Considerable business for this day of the week. Rode silver heels home in the evening.

Thursday 5

Walked in to town. Not very much business today. Very pleasant. Stopped in the evening to recite my Greek. They are grading the streets for the new town.

Friday 6

Business as usual. At a party in the evening at Uncle Georges. A good many there. Played and danced most everything. Broke up about two o'clock. Rode silver heels home.

Saturday 7

Business pretty dull for Saturday. A very pleasant day. Afternoon at a picnic in our barn. Had a very pleasant time. In swimming in the evening.

Sunday 8

A very warm day. Afternoon took a ride down the creek to see the cave but could not get over to it. Out looking at the mines. Got home at 6 o'clock.

Monday 9

Walked into town and helped drive the cattle along over to the pasture. The fence is so bad on the south side that the cattle and hogs are getting out all the time.

Tuesday 10

Walked into town. Pa has gone to Freeport to see about the corn which is spoiling. Not very much business. Stopped to recite Greek as usual.

Wednesday 11

Very little business. Trying to study but it is pretty hard to learn much as there is someone in the office talking nearly all the time.

Thursday 12

Walked into town business pretty brisk. Pa came back from Freeport. He has traded the corn off for a lot of farming implements. Rained a little.

Friday 13

A very warm day. Not much business. Cleaning out the old dry store to put the machines and plows in. Stopped to recite as usual.

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Saturday June 14, 1862

A very hot day. Worked hard, helped to unload those loads of plows and horse rakes. Trying to sell some but find it pretty hard. Considerable business.

Sunday 15

At home all forenoon. Afternoon hunting up the cattle that got out of the pasture. The roads are very dusty and it is quite windy.

Monday 16

Got a chance to ride in on a wagon part of the way. Considerable business. Shut the bank at 4 o'clock but have to stay open till six Got wet through.

Wednesday 17

Walked into town. Very little business. A cloudy and very cold day. Wind from the N.W. Out riding with some of the girls with Sim and Abe.

Thursday 18

Walked into town. Not very much business. Posting and journalizing. A good many people are looking at the agricultural implements.

Friday 20

Got up very late this morning. Running through the wet grass after the cattle till nine o'clock. Not very much business. Pleasant day.

Saturday 21

Walked into town. Business as usual. Evening rode into Dr. Burrows private lectures. Had quite a pleasant time altogether.

Sunday 22

A pleasant day. Sim and I rode the colts over to Blackoak. Found a great many strawberries just as many as we could eat.

Monday 23

Rained last night. Rode into town in the little waggon. Not very much business. Stopped at the Seminary to recite, but did not.

Thursday 26

Rode Silverheels into town. Quite muddy and slippery after the rain. Evening at the festival took the part of Breckenridge in the great secession tableaux.

Friday 27

Walked in pretty late did not get home till late last night. Quite warm and muddy.

Sunday 29

A very pleasant day. Over at the creek in swimming in the morning. Rode out towards Lanark on the rail road. They have commenced laying the track. Sam G. here.

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Monday June 30, 1862

Walked into town pretty late. Considerable business. A pretty warm day. Mother is getting well of the brachipilous. A very pleasant evening.

Tuesday July 1

Walked into town. A very pleasant day. Bal. the ledger. Not very much business. Walked home as usual. Did not stop to recite.

Thursday 3

A pretty warm day, in the afternoon fixing up the reaper and started in to mowing clover. In swimming with Sim. Evening talking about going to Lyons.

Friday 4 & Saturday 5

Got up at 4 o'clock. Started for Savannah at six on horseback. Got on the boat for Lyons. Took dinner at Clinton house. Stayed all night at Savannah, had a pleasant time all through. Sam Gross and Sim along. Got up at five, at home in time for breakfast at seven. Walked into town. A pleasant day. Evening at home with Sam and Sim.

Sunday 6

We three over at the creek in swimming. A very sultry and hot day. At home in the P. M. The currants, raspberries, and cherries are getting ripe.

Monday 7

Rode into town in the little waggon. A very warm day. Some business. Put up another horse rake. Gold has gone up to 8 and 10 percent premium.

Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9

Old treasury notes or what they call custom house notes are four and five percent premium. The new treasury notes are $\frac{1}{2}$ percent premium. The currency is composed of Illinois State Bank of Iowa and Indiana. New England money and New York state funds have had some hard fighting at Richmond.

Thursday 10

A pleasant day after the wet weather we have had for the past three or four days. Not very much business. The cars in Emmerts field. Gold 115 in New York.

Friday 11

A pleasant day. Not much business. Shut up the bank at 4 o'clock but have to wait for the mail which comes in at half past six.

Saturday 12

Walked into town. Not much business. Evening saw cars have to cross the E.R. for the first time going home. I heard the steam engine roll along the track. I thought what changes time does bring. How did I think that one short year ago these things would come to pass. It rained last night.

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Sunday July 13, 1862

Monday 14

The following leaves I find I have left blank. They perhaps will be of future use for something else. I begin to write on 27th of July.

Sunday 27

A pleasant day. Over at the new place. They are getting along slowly with the work, have the kitchen part ready for plastering and working as the walnut.

Monday 28

Drove some cows and 12 calves over to the large pasture on the new place. Rode into town from the barn. Considerable business at home in the evening. They are getting along finely harvesting.

Tuesday 29

Walked into town. Not much business. Playing checkers with Jim. We are about even on this game. He beats me at . Walked home. They are busy putting up the depot now. At Uncle Georges in the evening.

Wednesday 30

Walked into town. Not much business today. Simon started in the hack for Rock Island via Savannah. Not much only the gold excitement is coming down, so is gold.

Thursday 31

Walked into town. Very little business. Posting and balancing the books. A warm day in the little place no air can get in at all. Rode home in the buggy.

Friday August 1, 1862

Balancing the ledger. Working at it all day. Very little business today. Get pretty lonesome unless I have something to do. Simon, Joe and Jim have gone.

Saturday 2

Not very much business today for Saturday. They are busy having war meeting all over the county but still enlisting goes pretty slow.

Sunday 3

At home all day. It rained last night but it is quite pleasant today. The currents, gooseberries, raspberries and cherries are about out.

Monday 4

Walked into town. A very foggy and damp morning. Not much business. Rained very hard in the afternoon, raised the creeks to overflowing. Had to wait till late for the mail. Nearly got caught in the rain.

Tuesday 5

A pleasant morning this rain was a good thing for the corn.

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Thursday August 14, 1862

Have been helping haul in the grain for the past few days. Today was out hunting, shot four prairie chickens. It rained last night.

Friday 15

Rode into town, not very much business but considerable excitement about the volunteering, one company has just left and another one electing their officers today.

Saturday 16

Walked into town. Aunt Anne and Uncle Billy at our house last night. Pleasant morning. Not very much business. The cars run regular now and carry the mail.

Sunday 17

A very pleasant day at home all day. Evening talking about starting to school in Chicago this fall.

Monday 18

Fa went to Lanark. A pleasant day. Considerable business. The harvest is over and some of the wheat stacked. Times may get better.

Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20

Walked into town. Business dull, very few people in town. The rebels are invading the north on every side. McClellan is abandoning his position on the James River. A very dull day. Pretty warm. Very little doing in any kind of business at the present time, except in farming and war business.

Thursday 21

Walked into town. Very little business. It rained in the afternoon. Fa at the new place superintending the digging of the cistern. War news is quite the go, things are very unsettled.

Friday 22

Walked into town. Scarcely any business doing now. Financially everything is very quiet. Gold is about 15% prem. Small treasury notes are being issued.

Saturday 23

Walked into town. More business today than has been for the past three or four days. Pleasant weather now, for thing grow. Not much war news.

Sunday 24

At home end evening in the grove in swimming. Got lots of plums and blackberries and any amount of cherries which are very full on the trees.

Monday 25

Walked into town. Not very much business for Monday. Prof. Booth of the Law school in Chicago at our house but did not see him.

Tuesday 26

Very little business today. Gen. McClellans army has at last joined, Fa and Washington is safe. We will have to wait now some time before we can again begin aggressive movements. Volunteers are

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pouring into the Government faster than they can be armed and equipped.
Pleasant day.

September 1, 1862

Just one year since I entered the bank. Have, I think, learnt considerable since that time in the science of keeping books by entry. Still have lost some time.

Tuesday 2

A pleasant day. Pretty cold last night. Yesterday we had news that Pope had driven the Rebels and again that the Rebels had driven him. Fighting was still going on in the old Bull Run grounds.

Wednesday 3

Walked and helped drive a cow and calf along as far as the corner. There is no fighting and no particular war news today only that the Rebels threaten Cincinnati which is under martial law. Pleasant day.

Thursday 4

Not very much business today. There is an apparent lull in the war news. The Rebels have stopped fighting Pope. They are perhaps forty fying Bull Run & Manas again.

Friday 5

Rainy, got wet walking into town. Very little business. Sam Gross went along home. Both in at the debating society at the Seminary just organizing the society. Pleasant evening.

Saturday 6

Walked into town. Very damp, rainy & disagreeable all day. Rode home with Sam Gross. Stayed all night with Sam, had a very pleasant time playing Euchre in the evening etc.

Sunday 7

Over in Uncle Georges grove at meeting in the morning and afternoon, spent the eveing with Aunt all & Annie Bowny as all the folks had gone to meeting.

Monday 8

Cot home last night about 11 o'clock. It was very moonlight and pleasant but roads muddy. Rode into town in little waggon with some lard. Not much business.

Wednesday 10

Rainy & wet, not much of anything doing. Not very much good news from the war. The rebels have taken Hughstown, Maryland. Taking everything they can get.

Thursday 11

It was raining and very muddy all day. Very little business. The fighting has stopped for a while, but the Rebels are advancing still further into Maryland.

Friday 12

Not much business. Pretty cold, getting dry again. At the debate at Seminary. Spoke a little. Next question resolved that under

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Tuesday September 16, 1862

Rained, is wet and muddy. Not much business. Good news from the seat of war. McClellan reports that he is driving the rebels out of Maryland.

Wednesday 17

Walked into town. It was quite wet and muddy. Raining and drizzling all day. Scarcely any business today. It is reported that the rebels are being driven back from Hagerstown.

Thursday 18

Walked into town. A little pleasanter today. Very little business. Some excitement in the lead mine company. They have good prospects. Good news by telegraph from the Potomac.

Sunday 28

At home all day. Gross' folks were over. It rained for two or three hours in the afternoon. Not much war news nowadays. Gen. Buell has fallen back to Ky.

Monday 29

Walked into town. Some business. Gold has gone up in New York to 22 percent prem. Old treasury notes are worth from 15 to 16 percent prem. when bought with new ones.

Tuesday 30

In bank. Sold some Gold for 20 percent prem. and old T. notes for 117. Gold has gone up to 123 in New York. Not much business. Rained very heavy nearly all day.

Wednesday October 1, 1862

Walked into town, are afraid to issue drafts without stamps which are not to be had. Not much business. Rode home in the buggy.

Thursday 2

Walked into town. Business as usual. Gold is reported coming down.

Tuesday 7

Raining nearly all the time. The ground will soon be very wet. Walked into town. Not very much business. Gold is about 20 to 22 in Chicago. Old treasury notes 18 to 19 prem.

Wednesday 8

Rode part of the way in in the buggy. Raining all morning. Very wet, no business. Fixing the books. Very little business today. We have been having terrible wet weather.

Thursday 9

A little pleasanter than usual, but still very wet and damp. Gold is going up in New York at a terrible rate, it is now about 28 or 29 percent premium.

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Friday October 10, 1862

Getting ready to start for the bottoms on a hunt. Walked over to Gross' before breakfast. Raining in the forenoon, poor prospects but start down any how. Clear P. M.

Saturday 11

Hunting ducks, shot only one last evening, but can see thousands of them flying & swimming in the lakes. Got home about 3 o'clock P. M. Had good time,

Sunday 12

but did not get much game. Resting today after the spree we had down to the Mississippi bottoms. Pleasanter. Guess the rain is over once for a while.

Monday 13

Walked into town, pleasant again for a wonder. Business as usual. Balancing the books. Gold is still going up in New York. It will soon be 130.

Tuesday 14

Walked into town as usual. Not very much business. Quite pleasant but pretty cold. At a party at Sue Emmerts in the evening. Very heavy frost on the grain.

October 19

A very pleasant day. Over at the building, they are getting along very slowly with the house, three rooms on the second floor are finished.

Monday 20

Got up at 4 o'clock, started for Chicago. Had a very pleasant trip out, arrived in the city at 4 P. M. Stopped at the Biggs house.

Tuesday 21

On the court house at Mr. Officers at the University and camp Douglas to which peaces, we rode on the street cars, at the custom house, on Lake street looking at the large business houses.

Wednesday 22

Started from Chicago at 4 o'clock yesterday stayed all night at the Brewster house, arrived in Mt. Carroll at 4 P. M. Very windy and getting colder. Not much business.

Thursday 23

Walked into town, not much business. At Uncle Johns in the evening Wednesday the Rev. Mr. Hibbard was there and some other folks had a pleasant time. Getting very cold. At lecture in the evening.

Friday 24

Walked into town, very cold for this time of the year. Snowed so as to make the ground quite white. At Mr. Hibbards lecture in the evening. Liked it very much.

Saturday 25

Walked into town, still pretty cold. Some business as usual on Saturday. At Lutheran Church to hear Mr. Hibbard lecture on regeneration. Rode home, very cold.

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Sunday October 26, 1862

In at Uncle Johns was baptised by Mr. Hibbard. Evening went down in the little waggon to Dr. Tratts. Heard a lecture on the end of the world.

Monday 27

Walked into town. Sold some drafts as usual. Warmer and pleasant. Went to Lanark on the cars to hear Mr. Hibbard lecture. Had a very pleasant trip.

Tuesday 28

Walked into town, not much business. Very windy & dusty. Looks some for rain. The threshers came today. Not much war news now. Gold keeps up pretty high.

Wednesday 29

Walked into town. Very little business. Threshing at home, some of the stacks are pretty badly rotten. Evening at Uncle Johns rehearsing a chamade.

Friday 31

A fine day. Took some cabbage over to the farm. Getting some wood for in the grove for the carpenters cleaning off the cellar windows and swept out one of the rooms.

Saturday November 1, 1862

Plowing with Betty and Lize all day. Pretty cold. Northwest wind blowing in the afternoon. We are feeding 40 or 50 hogs, some are penned up, some running. Husking corn today. Have had very fine weather for the past three or four weeks. Very little war news now. Gold stays up in N. Y. to about 30 percent prem.

Sunday 2

At home in the morning, at Uncle Johns to meeting Dr. Pratt read a sermon. A pleasant day and pretty cold.

Monday 3

Husking corn, husked two loads, our corn is very good this year but there are so many hogs in the field that they are spoiling it some.

Tuesday 4

Took a load of things, one to the new house, a bed and some vegetables out of the garden. Not so very gold today.

Wednesday 5

In the bank, not very much business, posting and balancing the books for last month.

Thursday 6

In town, some business. Sold a \$400 N. Y. draft to go to California to E. Long. Very pleasant weather now. The election is over, elected the Republican ticket in this county. Chopping wood before breakfast. Business as usual. Gold is still very high about 30 per cent in Chicago.

Saturday, November 8, 1862

In bank, not much business. Sold a draft for \$300 on N. Y. have two cent stamps to attach to drafts according to the late Revenue Laws.

Sunday 9

At home most of the day minding Susy while Pa and Ross were gone to meeting & mother out to Felixes. A pleasant day but getting colder.

Monday 10

A pleasant day, more business as usual on Monday. The currency as a mixed lot from every Northern state and once in a while a Gr. note.

Tuesday 11

Had intended to move but it commenced raining early in the morning and snowed nearly all afternoon. Scarcely any business today.

Wednesday 12

Up early, took the first load over to the new house, hauled a load of wood and went to town. Came home early to help unload the things.

Monday 24

Walked into town, very pleasant weather as it has been for the past three or four weeks. Not much business.

Sunday December 21, 1862

Just two weeks ago we went into town in the sled and the sleighing was tolerable good, today it is very worn & has been raining and is getting very muddy.

Monday 22

Not very much business, manufacturing shin plasters is about the only thing can be done. Gold is about 30 to 32 percent prem. all kinds of money in circulation.

Tuesday 28

At the Seminary, acting president of the reunion society all day. A pretty hard office to fill at least for the first time. Got along very well however. Very rainy day.

Wednesday 24

Have not written in my diary for a long time for the reason that there is nothing to write. Have had splendid muddy weather for two or three weeks, the frost is all out of the ground.

Thursday 25 (The first Xmas in new house)

Last evening at the court house. At home all day, had a turkey roast. Abe & Aunt Susan here. Raining in the evening. Stopped at Aunt Mary's got a letter from Uncle John at Nashville, Tenn.

Friday 26

Walked into town, drizzling a little, half sick from a bad cold. Not much business. Very muddy, the roads are getting worse than in the spring.

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